



May 20, 2015

Response Required | 2015 Voters' Pamphlet Delivery

Due May 29: all counties, please complete this survey regarding your voters' pamphlet delivery for the 2015 General Election. [Click here!](#)

Candidate Filing Questions

Q: If no one files for an office, when is the deadline for scheduling a special 3-day filing period?

A: There are no deadlines for special 3-day filing periods. You decide when the filing period occurs.

Q: Candidate withdrawal has passed, but I have not ordered ballots. Can I accept a withdrawal of candidacy?

A: No. The law that allowed withdrawals if ballots had not been printed was repealed several years ago. Candidates that did not submit a withdrawal by May 18 must have their name printed on the ballot. Only a court order can remove a candidate's name.

New | User Group Meetings

We recently received the question, "Do user group meetings qualify for certification hours?"

Well, that depends . . . a "vendor training" differs from a "vendor promotion." As much as we would like to count hours from all vendor user group meetings, it's been brought to our attention that not all groups provide instruction. A meeting that focuses on promotions or sales does not qualify for [certification hours](#). However, actual training from a vendor easily qualifies for non-sponsored certification hours.

New: The WSACA Elections Conference will again offer useful time slots for vendors and customers to meet on Tuesday, June 9. Each vendor will decide how to best utilize their time with you. Please contact your vendor if you have questions about the content of each meeting. User group meetings will only qualify for certification if training is provided. Finally, because WSACA is an [approved sponsor](#), the rest of the conference automatically qualifies for certification hours.

Ballot Format Checklist

Here's a great tool for double-checking your ballot layout. Our [Ballot Format Checklist](#) contains the requirements and citations for:

- Overall ballot design.
 - Headings.
 - Instructions.
 - Use of color.
 - Partisan offices.
 - Office format.
 - Candidate format.
 - Additional instructions for ballot packets.
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The Main Event - *That's You!*

Each county will bring one historic object to Election Con for **Show & Tell**. All items will be on display during Thursday night's dinner. Please email [Barbara Ramey](#) an [Entry Form](#) before the **May 26 deadline**. Let's celebrate election superheroes of the past, and enjoy the array of devices used to vote or count votes. Your county may **win a prize** for bringing an unusual object!

Voter Registration Forms in 14 Languages

[Printer-friendly voter registration forms](#) are now available in 14 languages. Please feel free to print these forms on-demand in your office if one of your voters needs translated registration material.

Signature Verification Training | Spokane County

Spokane County will be hosting a signature verification class on Tuesday, June 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the [OSOS Archives Building](#) in Cheney. For more information and to register, please contact Kris Forgey-Haynie at kforgey-haynie@spokanecounty.org or (509) 477-6391.

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